IV *An Abſtract of a Letter from Mr.* Samuel Dale, *to Dr* William Briggs, *M. D. F. R. S. Concerning a Contumacious* Jaundiſe, *accompanied with a very odd caſe in* Viſion.

Braintree, Oct. the 27*th.* 1693.

SIR,

THAT you might not think me unmindful of my promiſe to you when you were at *Braintree*; I have here ſent you the Account of my Patient *Grace Dennis*, of *Braxſted Magna*, in this County of *Eſſex*, which you did deſire of me.

About *Chriſtmas*, *Anno* 1689. After much grief and trouble of Mind in the foregoing Autumn, the Jaundiſe began to appear upon her; for which, after having for about nine Months uſed many Medicines, which were told her by divers of her Friends and Acquaintance, but without Succeſs: She in *September*, 1690. applyed her ſelf to me, to whom I adminiſtred divers Medicines, famous in the moſt Celebrated Authors for the cure of the *Jaundiſe*, and which I had often uſed with Succeſs in the cure of that Diſeaſe, yet to her they were of no Benefit: After which ſhe had the Advice of ſeveral Learned Phyſicians in the Countrey, and likewiſe of ſome in *London*; but all that could be done for her hath not yet had any Effect, for her Diſeaſe yet continues; and her Body which uſed to be plump and fleſhy, is now become lean and emaciated, almoſt like a Skeleton, and her Appetite is little and depraved.

In *May* 1691. after an extraordinary *Menſtrual Flux* for about three Months, ſhe began as ſoon as the Sun was down, to be deprived of her Sight by degrees until it was quite dark; when altho never ſo big a fire or many candles were in the Room, yet could ſhe not diſ-

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cern the Object (except a ſmall ſhining of Light) and ſo ſhe remained until the Morning as one Stone Blind, when by little and little, as the light encreaſed her ſight returned, until the *Sun* aroſe, and then ſhe recovered her perfect Sight.

And in this Caſe ſhe continued, until *Auguſt* 1692. when being returned from *Epſom*, where ſhe had been drinking the Waters for about a Month, her ſight returned to her again, ſo that ſhe could ſee in the night perfectly. Thus ſhe continued until *January* laſt, when an extraordinary *Menſtrual Flux* again ſeizing her, her Nocturnal ſight likewiſe left her, and ſhe became Blind again as formerly.

Laſt *July* ſhe was ſeized with a *Fever*, when her ſight again returned and continued for about a Month and then left her as formerly; ſo that now ſhe hath her Nocturnal Blindneſs, and her *Jaundiſe* likewiſe continues.

Thus Sir, I have hereby troubled you with an exact Relation from time to time of matter of fact, and will leave the *Philoſophical Solution* thereof, to be decided by the better Judgments of your ſelf and others. in the mean time ſubſcribe my ſelf,

Sir, Yours, &c.